**Teaching and Leadership Innovation Fund Round 2**

**Description**

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to notify the market of the Department for Education’s (DfE) intention to undertake a procurement exercise for Round 2 of the Teaching and Leadership Innovation Fund (TLIF) in Winter 2017/18. Prior to the procurement, the DfE will be undertaking a range of market engagement activity for interested providers to learn more about the fund, network with other providers, and input into the development of the approach to Round 2. Contracts are offered for programmes to improve the provision of teachers’ continuing professional development (CPD) and Leadership Development, focussing on the areas of the country with the greatest identified need. The Secretary of State for Education announced TLIF in October 2016. TLIF aims to improve pupil outcomes in priority areas by:

• Stimulating more and better provision of teachers’ CPD and Leadership Development in challenging areas and schools;

• Stimulating demand for provision of teachers’ CPD and Leadership Development in challenging areas and schools; and

• Supporting development of a sustainable market in CPD and Leadership Development that will be capable of becoming self-funding in the future.

In TLIF Round 2, the DfE will be seeking bids that would be ready to deliver to participants from September 2018 or later.

The geographical focus for Round 2 will be confirmed in due course.

**Estimated value:**

The total value available for Round 2 may be up to £45m.

The total value of the Teaching and Leadership Innovation Fund is £75 million until 2020.

**Supplier Events**

Supplier Events are planned to take place during the autumn term in **Manchester, London and online** for interested organisations to gain a better understanding of the TLIF scheme. Details of how to register for the events will be available [**here**](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/teaching-and-leadership-innovation-fund)in due course. A recording of an online event will be made available in the Bravo Solution e-procurement portal.

The supplier events will also facilitate providers who are considering consortia bids. Time will be built into the events for networking and participants will be invited to join our online networking space [Slack.com](https://slack.com/).

**Policy Priorities for this procurement:**

For Round 2, we are expecting to request bids that focus on CPD which may focus on:

* + Early years language / literacy.
  + Supporting newly qualified teachers/teachers in their early career.
  + Specialist CPD (SEND, AP, mental health).
  + Leadership CPD (Equality and diversity, headteachers, middle leadership including development for high potential middle leaders).
  + Behaviour.
  + Curriculum.
  + Workload.

**Indicative key dates for procurement activity:**

The DfE intends to utilise the Restricted Procedure, as per Regulation 28 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015. More information on the procurement process will be provided during the market engagement activity.

The Restricted Procedure is a two stage process based on the following indicative timescales:

* Pre-Qualification Stage – January 2018
* Invitation to Tender Stage – March 2018
* Contract Award – July 2018
* Contract Start Date - September 2018

Please note: these timescales are indicative and are subject to change at DfE’s absolute discretion.

The DfE will be administering the procurement process electronically via the DfE e-Procurement Solution portal; Bravo Solution. No hard copy documents will be issued and all communications with DfE (including final submission of tenders) will be conducted via the Bravo Solution Portal. Bidders who are not already registered on the portal can register here: <https://education.bravosolution.co.uk>

For any assistance required in registering bidders should contact the Bravo helpdesk: [help@bravosolution.co.uk](mailto:help@bravosolution.co.uk)

**Additional information:**

To be kept informed about TLIF Round 2, follow the link [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuSyKA8v1haEXrsLtcNCP_-5SHMvjB3mEmSfk_7x65wHt1vQ/viewform)

If you would like to be added to [SLACK](https://slack.com/signin), our online networking space for prospective providers or for any other queries related to TLIF, please email Mailbox.TLIF@education.gov.uk

**Start and end dates of the contract:**

Start Date: TBC [planned for activity to commence from September 18]

End Date: Planned as until at least March 2020.

Please note that this PIN is not a call to competition and the DfE is not bound to enter into any procurement activity because of it. With procurement being dependant on ministerial priorities, funding for TLIF is subject to change at DfE’s absolute discretion.